

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated January 19, 2007 and have made amendments to the claims. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 1, 14, and 26 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 14, and 26 have been amended in light of the specific comment of the Examiner. Further, the term "the transmission channel" in claims 8 and 21 does not lack antecedent basis in these claims. Claim 8 depends from claim 1 (via intervening claims 2 and 6), and claim 1 recites a method that includes the step of "receiving the signal from a transmission channel". Similarly, claim 21 depends from claim 14 (via intervening claims 15 and 19), and claim 21 recites a receiver that includes "reception means for receiving a turbo-code encoded signal from a transmission channel".

Applicants submit that all claims are now clear and definite. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 14, and 26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and that claims 2-13, 15-25, 27, and 28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 14, and 26 have been rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 2-13, 15-25, 27, and 28 depend from claims 1, 14, and 26. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-28 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants have examined the references cited by the Examiner as pertinent but not relied upon. It is believed that these references neither disclose nor make obvious the invention recited in the present claims. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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